

revised to project through 2005. Each year that passes should add a year of planning onto the projected planning period. Unless this Plan is reviewed and projected it becomes a useless piece of paper.

IMPLEMENTATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Several other factors are necessary in order for this plan to work. The North Carolina General Assembly provides enabling legislation to counties to adopt certain "legal tools" to implement planning. These "tools" should be passed and enforced on a priority basis as follows:

- (1) Reactivate the County Planning Board and make it a matter of policy that it meets at least once a month and that it have a direct contact with the Board of County Commissioners.
- (2) Building and Plumbing Codes - The North Carolina Department of Insurance can provide the county with a standardized list of construction codes including a Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code (currently enforced) and a Heating and Air Conditioning Code. The County can enforce the codes by holding a public hearing, creating a Department of Public Safety, and hiring enforcement personnel.
- (3) Subdivision Regulations - The County can provide minimum standards for the design and construction of subdivisions by preparing a set of subdivision regulations, holding a public hearing, and creating an enforcement staff.
- (4) Sedimentation Control - The County can provide erosion control by adopting and enforcing a local sedimentation ordinance in cooperation with the Sedimentation Control Commission of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.